

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 11th 1999

Silent Key - Hugh Irvine GI3TLT

We regret to announce the death of Hugh Irvine GI3TLT of Kircubbin, Co. Down. Hugh passed away on Friday April the 1st and was buried on Sunday last April the 4th. Hugh was well known to packet operators as he was the system operator of the GB7HMI BBS. He was also a founder member of the Bangor & District Radio Club. The Society was represented at the funeral by the President Paul O'Kane EI5DI.

Counties Contest

The annual Spring 2 Metres Counties Contest took place on Monday last and despite the bad weather, there seemed to be lots of stations active. The highest QSO totals heard in the South were over sixty which indicates a high level of participation. If you were on, please submit your log to the Contest Manager Declan EI6FR, QTHR.

Coast Stations Special Event

In excess of ninety special event stations, all linked to a coast station, are on the air this weekend to recognise the contribution made by these stations to the safety of life at sea. A special certificate is available for working or logging ten of these stations. Send your log extract plus four pounds sterling to Box 50, Helston, Cornwall TR12 7YQ, England. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the RNLI and to the Mission for Seamen. There are three EI stations operating, EI4EJM in Donegal representing Malin Head Radio, EI4EJK in Kerry representing Valentia Radio and EI4EIL in Cork Harbour representing Haulbowline Naval Radio. A separate event, to mark the closure of Portishead Radio GKA, will run for the month of April. All the old Commonwealth Area stations plus a few guest stations will be active during the month, mainly on CW. An award is available for working or hearing four of these stations, not ten as mentioned last week. This award also costs 4 pounds sterling from the address mentioned earlier.

IRTS Annual General Meeting

The IRTS AGM and Dinner dance will be held in the Fairways Hotel in Dundalk over

the weekend of April 24/25th. Enquiries for either dinner dance tickets or tables at the rally should go to Aidan Noone EI7ENB at 042-9371980. Tickets for Dinner Dance on Saturday the 24th cost 20 pounds and the club would appreciate any bookings as soon as possible. Rooms are still available at the Fairways Hotel and can be booked directly with the hotel on 042-9321500. For those not wishing to stay in the hotel, there are plenty Bed & Breakfast establishments nearby.

Worked All Ireland

The move to forty metres has certainly rejuvenated WAI activity and many operators are starting all over again to get the award on that band. Over the Easter weekend, Declan EI9HQ drove over six hundred miles to activate squares in Dublin, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Tipperary, Clare and Galway. He operated mobile on four bands, two, twenty, forty and eighty metres. Declan maintains a web site dedicated to WAI activities and the address is: www.clubi.ie/wai Any updates for inclusion should be sent to Declan via email to ei9hq@clubi.ie 7.068 MHz is the WAI frequency on 40 metres. New callers are always very welcome.

Looking ahead

The Enniskillen Rally, promoted by the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club, will be held in the Killyhevin Hotel, Dublin Road, Enniskillen on Sunday next, April the 18th starting at 12 noon. All the usual attractions will be available and further information can be had from Kieran GI7NET on 01365-348063 during the day or at 01365-327133 in the evenings. Callers from EI should prefix the number with 08. International Marconi Day will take place on Saturday April the 24th and on the same day the Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society will hold a collectors and craft fair in the Boylan Community Centre in Dun Laoghaire from 12 noon until 5 pm. Wicklow Wireless Society will operate a Marconi Day Station from Moran House in Dun Laoghaire and stations will also be on the air from Ballybunion, Crookhaven and Clifden on the day.

Fingal Radio Club will hold it's Radio & Electronics Exhibition on Sunday 9th May at the new venue in Erin's Isle GAA Club, Farnham Drive, Finglas. The Region One CW Field Day will take place over the weekend of June the 5th and 6th. There are two sections in this one, an open and restricted. We look forward to a better entry than last years. The Donegal Rally will be held this year on Sunday June 27th in Jackson's Hotel in Ballybofey. Enquiries to Gerry EI8HO on 072-52598. The International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend will be held over the weekend of August 21st and 22nd. In excess of forty countries should be involved. If you want to get involved, contact Mike GM4SUC.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News can be faxed to 021-632730 or passed on the telephone to Dave EI4BZ on 021-632444 during the day or at 021-883555 in the evening.

Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR or on the phone at 01-4509514 or by E-mail to EI7IM@tinet.ie All input to either the radio news or newsletter can also be sent by e-mail to news@irts.ie

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